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Yard Of The Month

This has been a tough summer for lawns and flowers due to the ongoing severe drought and 100+ degree days but some yards stood out for accolades.



June 2009 Yard of the Month

1616 Osage Ave. (pictured above) - Beautiful rose bushes and annual color, beautifully manicured lawn and shrubs.

1st Runner-up: 1676 Osage Ave. - Extensive upgrade and work to the drainage area alongside the yard. Very nice lawn and shrubs.

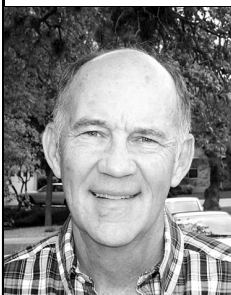
2nd Runner-up: 2858 Olive Ave. - well landscaped yard with fountain, rocks and sitting area. Nice shrubbery and touch of color.

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Christmas Help Wanted! It's that time of the year when we need to start planning for the Greenshires Christmas decorations. Help is needed to establish a 2009 Christmas Committee which includes creating a theme, planning dates for the put up and take down of decorations and deciding who will head up the project. Children are welcome to assist if accompanied by their parents.. For more information please contact Sherrie Sharp at 210-886-8408.

President's Message



Bob Pond
President

I begin by reporting on a very successful annual meeting in May. Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Board of Directors. As was reported in the second 2009 edition of the Gazette, Scott Harrod ended a most appreciated and productive eight-year run with this meeting. Succeeding him as a Board member

and as Treasurer for the Association is Tom Messick. Tom lives in the Ridge and has been active in preparing for the annual meeting, devising and offering to the Association's brick wall owners an innovative repair method, and in contributing to the door prizes several CDs of his piano playing. Congratulations Tom, and thanks. Congratulations also to continuing Board members reelected with Tom.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Fire Chief David Covington. Chief Covington's remarks addressed fire hazards related to and intensified by the prolonged drought we are experiencing throughout South Texas, including the Schertz area. While we are all vulnerable to increased fire danger, our green belt is an area of special emphasis. We thank Chief Covington for joining us that evening and for his insightful remarks. In that vein, we also thank Gary Kennedy of the Estates for focusing on particular areas of the greenbelt needing remedies.

As is customary, our meeting concluded with drawings for a whole host of door prizes. Sherrie Sharp did her usual fabulous job in procuring and preparing the list. Thanks Sherrie.

Finally as I announced in the May Gazette, Jinjer LeVan concluded three years as our covenants committee chair in June. Succeeding Jinjer is Steve Valdez, from the Meadows. Steve and his wife Alice have been Block Captains for more years that I remember (at least 14). Thanks to Jinjer for her service, and to Steve for taking up



LANDSCAPE NEWS



Water restriction reminder The City of Schertz wants to remind our fellow residents that there is a water restriction between 10:00 AM to 8:00PM. Please check your irrigation systems for leaks, runoffs, broken timers, etc. There is still the use of a hand held hose or other hand-held watering devices or drip irrigation that can still be used at *any* time. If you spot any leaks on our islands or entries, please report to Green Grass at 653-1717. Thank you!

Foundations need water too! With no relief in sight for the record drought, please remember to run a drip hose along *the foundation* of your home to prevent major cracks from appearing. Lots of money is saved with this little hint.

City's grass replacement *rebate* program Replace your existing St. Augustine grass (water guzzler) with a more drought tolerant turf like Zoysia, Bermuda or a xeriscape and save money. Contact Schertz Drought Contingency Ordinance and water Conservation Plan at www.schertz.com. If this is a project you are interested in, the fall is a perfect time for planting and we may have rain by then.

the reins of this very important, and at times, demanding position.

Our next meeting begins the budget cycle for CY 2010. It is a three-month process ending with the October meeting where we vote and announce the assessment fee. If anyone has any inputs for the Board to consider, notify Tom Messick at your convenience but before the September session.

Until the next issue, have a good summer and try to stay warm.

Bob Pond

July 2009 Yard of the Month

2917 Greenshire Drive (pictured right) A beautiful and professional looking landscape harmonizing colored mulch with the brightly colored shrubbery. Every detail looks planned and well maintained. Nice touches with red iron chairs in planting bed and large pottery vases at front door. This yard scored high on the three grading criteria of lawn, color and creativity.

1st Runner-up: 1509 Red Oak Cove Well manicured lawn and nice flowers along entry path to home. Very neat appearance and well maintained lawn.

2nd Runner-up: 1505 Red Cedar Cove A low rock sculpture in the yard is both very natural looking and magnificent. The lawn is well maintained. Nice job!



To see more details and photos of all the Yard of Month winners, please visit our "Neighborhood Link" which can be accessed at:

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/schertz/ghoa>



August 2009 Yard of the Month:

2928 Lotus Park (pictured left) This owner managed to keep a beautiful lawn even during this terrible heat and drought. A splash of color added a nice accompaniment to a well maintained and neat appearance.

1st Runner-up: 1632 Willow Top Highly creative landscape with nice shrubbery and fountain. Flowers outlining the doorway are an inviting and beautiful touch.

2nd Runner-up: 2932 Lotus Park Again, a very neat appearance and well maintained, green lawn highlighted with colorful flowering plants. Well done!

Yard of the Month Note:

- Feature areas:
 - September : All of Greenshire
 - October: a rack and stack of all the Yards that were nominated in the previous months but didn't place.
- If anyone would like to nominate a yard please email your nomination to
greenshire@sbcglobal.net

Yard of the Month Chairman
Dan Mullinix

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Architectural Review for Lot and Home Improvements

Now that summer is here, we are seeing an increase in relocations. Some of our residents are moving on, others are arriving to make Greenshires their new home. To those leaving, we are sorry to see you go; to the new arrivals, a hearty welcome to the best neighborhood in Schertz! **For everyone**, a timely reminder about the need for Architectural Review of improvements is in order. If you are planning a permanent improvement to your home, e.g., patio, deck, swimming pool, new roof, storage shed, exterior painting, etc., the Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Greenshires, dated 2 November 1987, requires residents to submit a request for architectural review to David Richmond, Chair of the committee. HOA approval usually is quick enabling you to further request a building permit from the City of Schertz Inspection Department. New residents should receive a copy of the Declarations at time of closing; Ms. Dee McGee, our property manager, also will provide a copy for a fee. Most residents are familiar with this process, and **most projects** are requested and approved consistent with neighborhood standards and appearance. Unfortunately, some home projects are completed without either one or both HOA and City approvals. This can cause friction with neighbors, and further problems later. Particularly, at time of selling, the HOA will **not** issue a Resale Certificate unless improvement projects have been approved. This has delayed some sales, and prevented others, naturally upsetting homeowners. We encourage homeowners to make improvements to their homes which add value to the entire neighborhood. All of us in Greenshires continue to benefit. We simply ask that you follow the necessary guidelines in the Declarations and submit a request. And, when in doubt, call David Richmond at 658-8529 early in your planning process.

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